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The reply filed March 13, 2002 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicant did not provide a proper election, i.e. single molecular embodiment of the peptide to be examined. The election of SEQ ID NO:1 is not proper because SEQ ID NO:1 encompasses multiple sequences, see Paper No.11, page 3. Applicant is required to elect a single molecular embodiment of peptide for examination, wherein the peptide is referenced with a sequence identifier. Again, Applicant is required to identify all claims that read on the elected species. Applicant is requested in order to comply with sequence rules to correct the error reiterated in claims 2-15 with regard to appropriate number of Xaa's in claimed sequences, see page 3 of Paper No.11. Applicant traversal with regard to rejoinder of claims 14-15 is found to be persuasive. Upon a proper election examination will include these claims in so far as they encompass the elected peptide.

Since the reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH from the mailing date of this communication within which to correct the deficiency so as to comply with the sequence rules (37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825) in order to avoid abandonment of the application under 37 CFR 1.821(g). EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Examiner Olga N. Chernyshev, Art Unit 1646, whose telephone number is (703) 305-1003.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Technology Center receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

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